

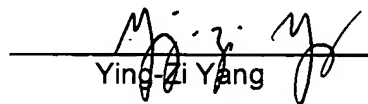


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 28 AUGUST 2006

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in response to the Non-final Office Action dated 28 August 2006, which set a three-month period for reply that ended 28 November 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time and request that the three-month extension fee of \$1240 and an IDS fee of \$180 be charged to Deposit Account No. 18-0650. Accordingly, the time period for reply now expires on 28 February 2007, and this response is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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